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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6821

BILL NUMBER: HB 1641

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Violent Crimes Committed at School.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that if a violent crime is committed by a student against another student on school grounds or during school activities, including traveling to or from school or an activity, the superintendent of the school corporation shall transfer either the victim or the offender to another school in the school corporation, as requested by the victim's parent.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* School corporations would have to move students, at parents request, to another school within the corporation. If students are moved to another school, school corporations may have to adjust their bus schedules or routes. Schools could expend more for bus fuel if buses must travel out of their original route to pick up additional students. The impact would depend on the number of students transferred by school corporations under this proposal.

Battery Statistics- Student battery statistics from the Department of Education are displayed below.

Year	Suspensions	Expulsions
2008	7,692	295
2007	7,748	336
2006	5,710	459
2005	4,364	274
2004	3,795	244

The bill includes several other offenses that could constitute transfer including any crime that is a felony or a Class A misdemeanor that results in bodily injury or death to the victim or a delinquent act that resulted in bodily injury or death that would be a crime if committed by an adult.

Court Statistics- During 2007, trial courts received 24,706 new filings and 22,947 dispositions relating to juvenile delinquency. It is unknown how many of those cases related to an incident on school grounds or at a school event.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education Databases; *2007 Indiana Judicial Service Report*.

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